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Caleb Tieg named City Employee of the Year

Police Officer Caleb Tieg has been named the City of Branson Employee of the Year for 2015. The announcement was made at the city employees' annual Christmas party held at the Branson Convention Center.

Tieg was selected from among the 12 monthly winners of Employee of the Month honor. Each month, an employee is selected by a committee of employee representatives from most City Departments, such as the Public Works, Parks, Fire or Police Departments.

"Our nominations can come from any City Employee, or even from the community," said City GIS Coordinator Curtis Copeland, who was the 2012 Employee of the Year, and is the current chairman of the Employee Recognition Committee. "We have a monthly meeting to review the nominations, and the committee votes on a winner based on the City Employee Values."

Patrol Officer Tieg had been selected as the April 2015 Employee of the Month for his life-saving efforts at a residential house fire. On January 9, 2015 Patrol Officer Tieg was dispatched with the fire department to a residential structure fire. He arrived first on the scene and reported the home to be engulfed in flames with no visible access into the home from the front. He walked around the perimeter of the home and heard a female voice screaming from the second floor deck. Tieg was able to access the rear stairwell to the deck and drag a female occupant of the home to a point of safety then carried her to firefighters and emergency medical services personnel who treated her for severe burn injuries. The female survived that day thanks to his courage, quick response and commitment to duty.

Patrol Officer Tieg was nominated for demonstrating the City of Branson Values of Leadership, Excellence, Service & Courtesy. He was recognized as the Employee of the Year for being an excellent example of the cooperation and service expected from those serving the Branson Community.

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